Ianuarie.

Colins Embleme.

Anchôra Speme.

GLOSSE.

COLIN Clouté) is a name not greatly vſed, and yet haue I ſene a Poeſie of M. Skeltons vnder that title. But indeede the vvord Colin is Frenche, and vſed of the French Poete Marot (if he be worthy of the name of a Poete) in a certein Æglogue. Vnder which name this Poete ſecretly ſhadoweth himſelf, as ſometime did Virgil vnder the name of Tityrus, thinking it much fitter, then ſuch Latine names, for the great vnlikelyhoode of the language.

vnnethes) ſcarcely.

couthe) commeth of the verbe Conne, that is, to knovv or to haue ſkill. As vvell interpreteth the ſame the worthy Sir Tho. Smith in his booke of gouernment: whereof I haue a perfect copie in vvryting, lent me by his kinſeman, and my verye ſingular good freend, M. Gabriel Harvey; as alſo of ſome other his moſt graue & excellent vvrytings.

Sythe) time. Neighbour tovvne) the next tovvne: expreſſing the Latine Vicina.

Stoure) a fitt. Sere) vvithered.

His clovvniſh gyfts) imitateth Virgils verſe,

Ruſticus es Corydon, nec munera curat Alexis.

Hobbinol) is a fained country name, vvhereby, it being ſo commune and vſuall, ſeemeth to be hidden the perſon of ſome his very ſpeciall & moſt familiar freend, whom he entirely and extraordinarily beloued, as peraduenture ſhall be more largely declared hereafter. In thys place ſeemeth to be ſome ſauour of diſorderly loue, vvhich the learned call pæderaſtice: but it is gathered beſide his meaning. For vvho that hath red Plato his dialogue called Alcybiades, Xenophon and Maximus Tyrius of Socrates opinions, may eaſily perceiue, that ſuch loue is muche to be alowed and liked of, ſpecially ſo meant, as Socrates vſed it: vvho ſayth, that in deede he loued Alcybiades extremely, yet not Alcybiades perſon, but hys ſoule, vvhich is Alcybiades ovvne ſelfe. And ſo is pæderaſtice much to be preferred before gyneraſtice, that is the loue vvhiche enflameth men vvith luſt tovvard vvoman kind. But yet let no man thinke, that herein I ſtand vvith Lucian or hys deueliſh diſciple Vnico Aretiuo, in defence of execrable and horrible ſinnes of forbidden and vnlavvful fleſhlineſſe. VVhoſe abominable errour is fully confuted of Perionius, and others.

I loue) a prety Epanorthoſis in theſe tvvo verſes, and vvithall a Paronomaſia or playing vvith the vvord, vvhere he ſayth (I loue thilke laſſe (alas &c.

Roſalinde) is alſo a feigned name, vvhich being wel ordered, vvil bevvray the very name of hys loue and miſtreſſe, vvhom by that name he coloureth. So as Ouide ſhadoweth hys loue vnder the name of Corynna, vvhich of ſome is ſuppoſed to be Iulia

Ianuari

Julia, themperor Auguſtus his daughte
tius Stella euery where call his Lady A
that her right name vvas Violantilla: as
And ſo the famous Paragone of Italy
peth her ſelfe vnder the name of Zima
chia. And this generally hath bene a co
names of ſecret Perſonages.

Auail) bring downe.

Embleme

Ouerhaile) drawe ouer.

His Embleme or Poeſye is here vnder added in
vvherof is, that notvvithſtande his extr
ning on hope, he is ſome what recomfo

Februa

Ægloga Se

ARGVM

*THis Æglogue is rather morall and g
particular purpoſe. It ſpecially cont
perſone of* Thenot *an olde Shepheard, w
neſſe, is ſcorned of* Cuddie *an vnhappy
ry well accordeth with the ſeaſon of the
as it were, drawing to his laſt age. For*